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File: San Bernardino Ave. @ 7 Intersections/Yard 3/W.O.#HF0013

SUBJECT: **YARD 3 - CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HANDICAPPED RAMPS AND RELOCATION OF UTILITIES @ SAN BERNARDINO AVE AND SEVEN (7) INTERSECTIONS, BLOOMINGTON/FONTANA AREA**

I have reviewed the project description for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. The proposed project will involve the acquisition of right-of-way for the construction of handicapped ramps and relocation of utilities. The project will be on San Bernardino Ave. and its intersection with Linden Ave., Locust Ave., Fontana/Elm, Beech Ave., Hemlock Ave., Live Oak Ave., and Redwood Ave. in the unincorporated Bloomington/Fontana region of the County.

San Bernardino Ave. is designated as a Secondary Highway (88-foot ultimate right-of-way) with an existing 40-foot width right-of-way. Work will be performed within the existing and acquired right-of-way of all streets. No native vegetation will be disturbed by the proposed work. The sites for the proposed work are located within disturbed commercial, light industrial and residential urban areas. Potential cultural resource issues have been addressed by the County and Caltrans staff. Caltrans staff will prepare the 106 compliance for the County, stating that there are no cultural/historical properties impacted by this project. The Project Schedule is Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005, with a commencement target date of December 2004 and duration of approximately three (3) weeks.

The proposed work qualifies for a Categorical Class 3 Exemption under Section 15303 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines. This section allows the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures such as water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

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